

# Pio de Jesus Pico and Latinos in California Government



Born 200 years ago on May 5, 1801, Pio de Jesus Pico is a symbol of migration, multi-ethnic heritage and the rebirth of Latinos in California government. Known for being the last Governor of Mexican California, Pico was instrumental in the economic development of Southern California after statehood. The rediscovery of Pio Pico's history parallels the renewed involvement of Latinos in today's state government.

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